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## ON THE COVER

Soldiers kick off  
Victory Week  
activities with an  
early morning run  
June 2.

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# Community Calendar

## TODAY

### Stuffed Animal Library Field Trip

11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a overnight field trip. During their visit stuffed animals will help the librarians during the day to do their work. When the work day is over the animals will have fun playing around the library. Stuffed animal guests can be picked up between noon and 5 p.m. June 8 or June 9.

## MONDAY

### Exceptional Family Member Program Information Session

11 a.m., Army Community Service, Building 9810 Lee Road. Session will address mandatory enrollment, overseas screenings, Family support services, TRICARE ECHO, compassionate reassignments, referrals and more. Information sessions are offered on the second Monday of each month. Open to Soldiers and spouses. For more information contact ACS at 751-5256.

## TUESDAY

### Art Activity for Soldiers and Families enrolled in EFMP

5 to 6 p.m. 1227 Taylor St., Columbia. Please join ACS' Exceptional Family Member Program for a fun filled creative evening of visual arts sponsored by the Creative Journey Program. Enjoy the art of making pottery, painting, drawing, sculpturing and more. Come out and discover the artist in you. Activity is free and is open to Families enrolled in EFMP and Department of the Army civilians with special needs Family members. For more information or to RSVP, contact ACS at 751-5256.

### Blended Retirement System

Noon to 1 p.m., 9810 Lee Rd, Army Community Service will host a "Lunch & Learn" Blended Retirement System class. This class will provide an in-depth overview of the Blended Retirement System to include an overview of the Thrift Savings Plan role in the new retirement system. Feel free to bring your lunch. Call 751-5256 to RSVP by June 11.

## WEDNESDAY

### Story Time at the Library

11:30 a.m.-noon, Thomas Lee Hall Library.

## JUNE 15

### Donuts for Dads

8 to 10 a.m., Army Community Service, Building 9810, Lee Road. In honor of Fathers' Day ACS is serving donuts and coffee to fathers. Take time out of your busy schedule and enjoy a sweet treat. Thanking you for all you do. For more information contact ACS at

751-5256.

### 193rd Change of Command

9 a.m. Victory Field. Col. Mike Katona will relinquish command of the 193rd Infantry Brigade to Col. John White during a ceremony at Victory Field.

### Porkchop Productions presents "RAPunzel"

10 to 11 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. A bored princess, her over protective mother, a rapping narrator, an awe-struck Prince, and endless "bad hair" days, highlight this one-of-a-kind adaptation that reinforces the idea that letting someone go, means letting someone grow. A free event.

## JUNE 18-22

### Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to noon daily at the Main Post Chapel. Vacation Bible School is open to rising Pre-K-6th Grade. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at Main Post Chapel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. There are 150 slots available. For more information, call 751-4797.

## JUNE 19

### 'Hiring our Heroes' transition summit

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. NCO Club. Fort Jackson community members are invited to attend the Fort Jackson 'Hiring our Heroes' Transition Summit where you can connect directly with HR experts and hiring managers via industry-specific employment briefs, attend our resume building and digital networking workshops to super-charge your transition to a civilian career, then network with dozens of companies at a free evening networking and hiring reception. This event is free and is open to active duty service members, Guard and Reserve, veterans, and military spouses. For more information and to register visit <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/fort-jackson-transition-summit> or call Carolyn Andrews, transition service manager with the post's Soldier for Life program, at 751-1723.

## JUNE 19

### Home Buying Seminar

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NCO Club. Topics include: knowing your credit score, debt to credit ratio,

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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

## SPORTSMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Are you interested in learning more about the Fort Jackson Sportsman Club? Come to a meeting of the Sportsman Advisory Council Working Groups.

The Cycling Working Group meets June 12, at Magruder's Pub. The next meeting for the Run/Adventure Working Groups is 6 p.m. June 16 at Magruder's Pub.

The next Hunting and Angling Working Group meeting will take place 6 p.m. June 21 at Alpine Lodge.

pre-approvals, good faith estimates, types of mortgage, home inspections, closing the loan and more. To register call 751-5788/7537. The seminar is free and open to all ID card holders.

### Thrift Savings Plan Seminar

Noon to 1 p.m., Bldg. 9810 Lee Rd, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will host a "Lunch & Learn" Thrift Savings Plan Seminar. Attend a no-cost TSP seminar and gain a better understanding of the program. Learn the differences between Roth and Traditional accounts, avoiding penalties, withdrawals and more. Feel free to bring your lunch. Call 751-5256 to RSVP by June 18.







Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

## 'The best feeling in the world' Post celebrates 101 years of victory starting here

Above, Rodney Atkins, left, a country western artist, performs one of his hits June 2 on Hilton Field during the Fort Jackson 101st Birthday Celebration.

Right, Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, salutes during Reveille moments before leading the installation's Soldiers during a post run June 2 at Darby Field. The run kicked off Victory Week – a week-long celebration marking Fort Jackson's 101st Birthday.

By ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson Leader

The week-long festivities called Victory Week began in the pre-dawn hours June 2 as the post geared up for a run. The installation would celebrate its 101st birthday later that day at Hilton Field with fireworks, music, food, games and a birthday cake. Different events would take place each day culminating in the Army Ball June 9.

Trainees, civilians, retirees and Soldiers crowded the field to listen to the celebration's headliners – country singers Rodney Atkins and Sarah Evans – and to honor Fort Jackson's "101 years of knocking it out of the park" for the nation.

"All of us are blessed to be part of this great mission," said Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson's commander just before a group of trainees from each Basic Combat Training battalion helped him slice the birthday cake.

For Gary Taylor, special events coordinator with Fort Jackson Directorate of Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation, putting on the celebration was an excellent way to help trainees.

It is "the best feeling in the world to bring these Soldiers in and entertain them," he said.

The trainees were enthusiastic about being at the concert and out of barracks. Some danced with the music, while others reveled in the relaxed atmosphere before hitting The Forge the next morning.

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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Col. Stephen Elder, Garrison commander, hands the unit colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Wilson to signify Wilson's assumption of responsibility of the unit.

# Jackson welcomes Wilson to the team

By ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson's Garrison welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Wilson, as its newest senior enlisted leader Tuesday in a change of responsibility ceremony at Victory Field.

Wilson took responsibility for Fort Jackson's Garrison from Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond Jr. during the event reviewed by Col. Stephen Elder, Garrison commander.

Elder praised Wilson for the experience he will bring to Fort Jackson.

Elder met Wilson at Joint Base San Antonio when they were both attending the Garrison Leaders Course.

"I could tell right away we would be happy" to have Wilson be the senior enlisted leader for Fort Jackson's Garrison, Elder said.

Wilson brings a vast skillset to Fort Jackson. He entered the Army in 1991 as an 11C – Indirect Fire Infantryman, but in 1995 reclassified to 75D – Personnel Records Specialist – what is a 42A – Human Resources Specialist today. He deployed four times to combat zones including one tour to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and three tours to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His last assignment was as the senior enlisted leader of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, Joint-Base Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Elder said it was "great" to have an 11-series at Fort Jackson.

"Your reputation has preceded you," he added.

During his brief comments during the ceremony, Wilson said he will be giving

"100 percent" every day.

While the Garrison Commander welcomed Wilson to the fold, he also bid farewell to Drawbond who had been through "two hurricanes, Victory Block Leave, a tree lighting ceremony, boxing smoker and a Centennial Celebration under his belt" before Elder took command.

Elder praised Drawbond's quiet demeanor and behind-the-scenes tenacity.

"It didn't matter the case, he cared and he made a difference," Elder said.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Drawbond you did well," he added. "Thank you very much."

Drawbond thanked Fort Jackson for the support they gave him in his last speech as the Garrison's senior enlisted leader.

"Thank you for treating me well," he said. "I hope you extend it to Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson as well."



## Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

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### FRIDAY

■ Breaking In (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

■ Life Of The Party (PG-13) 1 p.m.  
■ Breaking In (PG-13) 5 p.m.

### SUNDAY

■ Life Of The Party (PG-13) 1 p.m.  
■ Breaking In (PG-13) 5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

■ Life Of The Party (PG-13) 2 p.m.  
■ Breaking In (PG-13) 5 p.m.

### TICKETS

Adult: \$6 / Child (6 to 11): \$4

### 3-D TICKETS

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Sunday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5700 Lee Rd.

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Fort Jackson Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, center, and Fort Jackson Commander Maj. Gen Pete Johnson, pin 2018 Hall of Fame inductee Carol Davis during a ceremony June 1 at the NCO Club. Also induct-  
ed in this year's ceremony were Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, Susan McPherson and Joanie Thresher.

## Fort Jackson inducts four into post Hall of Fame

By LATRICE LANGSTON  
Fort Jackson Leader

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott headlined the 2018 class inducted into the Fort Jackson Hall of Fame June 1. Joining Lott was Carol Davis, Fort Jackson Task Force Marshall Navy Individual Augmentee Deployment Program, Susan McPherson Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and Joanie Thresher United Services Organization.

The luncheon and ceremony at the Fort Jackson NCO Club provided an opportunity for the installation to recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the Fort Jackson military community.

Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson, Fort Jackson commander called the newest class "gifts" to the installation.

"You all are a gift to your community and you're a gift to Fort Jackson," Johnson said. "You make a big difference for so many people ..."

Johnson continued praising the Hall of Fame inductees by rec-

ognizing the majority of their selfless service happens behind the scenes.

"A lot of it is unsung and we will never really know the full extent, but the glimpse of it you see is powerful and full of your passion, selfless service, and a sense of giving to others and I think that is incredible," he said. "That alone is a tremendous example alone for all of us to follow ..."

Each inductee received a Fort Jackson Hall of Fame Medalion presented by Johnson, and a pin by Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian.

2018 Hall of Fame Inductee Susan McPherson, who heads public policy and military affairs for the Columbia Chamber, said it is an honor to be recognized for doing what she loves.

"It is an honor to support our Fort Jackson soldiers and their families," McPherson said. "To be recognized for doing something that means so much to me is a true blessing. I am extremely humbled to be inducted into the 2018 Fort Jackson Hall of Fame.

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## Fort Jackson: HOUSING NOTES

Updates from Housing Services

■ **Mayors Needed:** The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for the Fort Jackson Housing Communities. Becoming a part of the council allows you to be a voice for the community. Your voice can bring ideas and suggestions to residents for improving the quality of life while residing on Fort Jackson. In addition to receiving credit for volunteer hours, you will get to meet new people, and receive valuable training. Child care is provided at no cost while performing mayoral duties. Interested residents should contact Vickie Grier at [usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jackson.imcom-atlantic.mbx.fort-jackson-dpw-housing@mail.mil), or 751-7567.

■ **Housing Services Office:** Housing is hosting a Home Buying Seminar 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 19 at the NCO Club. Topics include: knowing your credit score, debt to credit ratio, pre-approvals, good faith estimates, different types of mortgage rates, home inspections, closing the loan and much more. To register give us a call at 751-5788/7537. This seminar is free and open to all ID card holders.

■ **Juvenile Curfew & Supervision of Children and Resident Guide Review:** As schools come to an end for the summer break, we'd like to encourage residents to take time to review the Juvenile Curfew & Supervision of Children Policy and Resident Guide to ensure policies and guidelines are adhered to (i.e. wading pools, unattended children at the playgrounds, etc.) The resident guide can be viewed at [www.fortjacksonfamily-homes.com](http://www.fortjacksonfamily-homes.com). You may pick up a copy of the Juvenile Curfew & Supervision of Children Policy from the Housing office located at 4514 Stuart Ave.

■ **Voice Broadcast:** As we push forward into the summer months, we would like to remind our residents to ensure our management office has your most current phone number and email address. Our One Call system is used to deliver emergency weather updates, reported utility outages, scheduled maintenance that may interfere with your day to day plans, and weekly event updates. If you have opted out or changed your phone number and would like to receive them again, please contact our office at 803-738- 8275. Don't forget to like us on Facebook (Fort Jackson Family Homes).

■ **Refer a Friend:** Unlimited Refer-a-Friend Rewards. If you are a current resident with Bal-four Beatty Communities and you invite a friend to live with us, we will take \$500 off your next month's rent. Some restrictions apply. For more information, call 803-738- 8275.





Photo by RON LESTER

Cycling enthusiasts ride on a 101-mile course around Fort Jackson June 3 as part of this year's Victory Week celebration.

# IT'S NOT THE YEARS, IT'S THE MILEAGE

## Cyclists ride 101 miles to celebrate Fort Jackson's birthday

By **LESLIE ANN SULLY**  
Fort Jackson Leader

For some people getting up early after attending a birthday bash can be difficult.

Not for Fort Jackson community members and cycling enthusiasts from around the Midlands who woke up early June 3 to ride 101 miles to celebrate Fort Jackson's birthday.

Each of the 42 cyclists who rode in the event attended for their own reasons. Last year roughly 50-60 showed up, with less than 10 completing a 100 miles.

Holly Carter from Surf City, North Carolina came down with her friend Kelly Lindsay of Hampstead, North Carolina, to join her husband who is stationed at Fort Jackson for the bike

ride. They weren't sure if they would ride the whole 101 miles but they were going to try.

They normally ride around 30 miles, they said. Staff Sgt. Chris Jensen, from the 120th Fitness Training Unit competed last year and tied another cyclist for 1st place. He plans to complete all 101 miles this year.

"I like distance riding," Jensen said. "My longest ride was 153 miles in Italy."

Col. Michael Katona, 193rd Infantry Brigade commander, said the ride was devised to "build readiness and connect with the community, while enabling Soldiers and their Families to thrive.

"It is a way to introduce new riders to a sport that allows them to maintain their health and fitness their entire lives," he said.

"It isn't a race. We want people to challenge themselves, and do any distance they can."

Sgt. Maj. Sidi London, the post operations sergeant major and avid cyclist, said he'd like to see the event take place every year.

"The first big race, a mark of a cyclist, is called a century," London said.

He rode in three long distance rides on post. The first was a bike ride for the 193rd Infantry Brigade that was incorporated into the Fort Jackson's Centennial Celebration last year.

In January, London started the Fort Jackson Cycle Club open to all – not just people from post.

Cyclists like Fort Jackson because it "is safer to ride on post because there isn't as much traffic," London said.

## NEWS



C. C. Pinckney Elementary School students rely on motor and coordination skills learned throughout the school year, to enjoy a morning full of fun activities June 1 to celebrate the end of a successful school year.



# FIELD DAY

C.C. Pinckney students mark the end of the school year with a little fun in the sun

*Photos by LATRICE LANGSTON*







Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

# Future Soldiers

Left, Col. Stephen Aiton, Soldier Support Institute commander, swears in a group Future Soldiers at the start of Fort Jackson Night June 5 at Spirit Communications Park. Hundreds of Soldiers from Fort Jackson were treated to a free night at the ballpark, which saw the Columbia Fireflies taking on the Charleston Riverdogs. Above, Staff Sgt. Allan Smith leads the crowd in the National Anthem, shortly before Aiton threw out the first pitch of the game.

## FORT JACKSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### CATHOLIC

#### **Sunday**

- 7:30 a.m., Confessions, Solomon Center
- 8 a.m., IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 9:30 a.m., CCD, Education Center
- 9:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel
- 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel

#### **Monday through Thursday, First Friday**

- 11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### **Sunday**

- 10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

### EASTERN ORTHODOX

#### **Sunday**

- 9 a.m., Worship and Liturgy, Hospital Chapel

### JEWISH

#### **Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel
- 10:15 a.m., Fellowship, Anderson Street Chapel

### LATTER-DAY SAINTS

### **Sunday**

- 10:30 a.m., Worship Service, Anderson Street Chapel

### ISLAMIC

#### **Friday**

- 12:45 p.m., Jumah Services, Main Post Chapel

### **Sunday**

- 8 a.m., Islamic Studies, Main Post Chapel

### PAGAN

#### **Sunday**

- 11 a.m., Pagan Circle Sacred Well Congregation worship and study, Magruder Chapel

### HISPANIC PROTESTANT

#### **Sunday**

- 9 a.m., Worship Service, Magruder Chapel

### PROTESTANT

#### **Sunday**

- 8 a.m., Worship Service, Main Post Chapel
- 8:30 a.m., Anglican/Liturgical, Lightning Chapel
- 9 a.m., Service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)

- 9:15 a.m., Adult Bible Study, Main Post Chapel

- 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

- 10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service, Daniel Circle Chapel

- 11 a.m., Service, Main Post Chapel

- 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Lightning Chapel

- 5 p.m., Aspire! Protestant Youth, Chaplain Family Life Center

### **Monday**

- 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Woman's Bible Study, Lightning Chapel

- 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

### **Tuesday**

- 9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Main Post Chapel

### **Wednesday**

- Noon, Protestant Bible Study, SSI Library

- 7 p.m., Gospel Bible Study, Daniel Circle chapel

### **Thursday**

- 11:45 a.m., Fresh Encounter Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

### **ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS**

- **Anderson Street Chapel**, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032

- **Lightning Chapel**, 9476 Kemper St., 751-4101/4542

- **Chaplain Family Life Center**, Bldg 5460, 751-4961

- **Daniel Circle Chapel**, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478

- **Education Center**, 4581 Scales Ave., 751-5341

- **Fort Jackson Garrison Chaplain and Religious Support Office**, 4356 Hardee St., 751-3121/6318

- **McCrady Chapel**, 3820 McCrady Road at McCrady Training Center, 751-7324

- **Magruder Chapel**, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883

- **Main Post Chapel**, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681

- **Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion)**, 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

## NEWS

# 'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...'

## 2ND BATTALION, 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

**PFC. KYLE CUSTER-JONES, 29**  
Garden River, Ontario

"The opportunity to climb the ranks, push myself to new limits, ascertain the best training and see the world is what influenced me the most to join the Army."

"Yes, the Army is what I thought it would be before joining. The disciplined atmosphere and the structure has met all expectations and the interpersonal and networking opportunities have exceeded expectations."

"Developing cohesion of people from many different walks of life is what was most challenging about Basic Combat Training."

"In 10 years I see myself climbing the NCO chain of command, completing my master's degree and maintaining a high level of physical fitness."

"I'm a 27D – Paralegal Specialist."

"Mental and physical toughness is paramount. I look forward to advancing into Advanced Individual Training and becoming a valued member of my team."



**PVT. CASSIDY YOUNG, 21**  
Seymour, Missouri

"I've watched my dad served our country my entire life, so of course it made me want to be just like him. His example inspired me to be better and to dream big."

"Yes, the Army is everything I thought it would be. My dad would tell me stories of his Basic Combat Training to provide support because he knew how tough it can be to be away from home."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training would have to be the long ruck marches, mostly because I'm not used to carrying weight on long distances, and with little sleep."

"In 10 years I see myself still in the Army, hopefully advancing in rank, and achieving my goal of outranking my dad one day."

"I'm a 92A – Automated Logistical Specialist."

"You always have to have the mentality of 'I can do this; keep pushing,'" that's what kept me going on days I felt I couldn't get up."



**PVT. DAVIS M. VERDUZCO, 27**  
Los Angeles

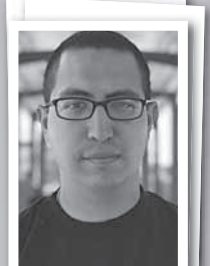
"Several of my Family members have served and my desire to serve my country is what influenced me the most to join."

"My recruiters told me that joining would be a rewarding experience; despite hardships. It has proven to be just that."

"I was not the most physically fit individuals, so physical training and ruck marches were the most challenging for me in Basic Combat Training."

"In 10 years I see myself continuing to serve my country faithfully as either a non-commissioned officer or working for a government agency."

"I was injured in November 2017 during Basic Combat Training. After overcoming my physical obstacles, I am finally able to graduate. Remember to never giving up on yourself and always pushing yourself to do better no matter what."



**PVT. MARK INGRAM, 22**  
Pelham, North Carolina

"What influenced me to join the Army was my desire to do good things in life and provide for my Family at the same time."

"No, the Army isn't what I thought it would be before joining. The Army is way better than I thought it would be. It gave me tools I needed to help develop me into man."

"The mental stress or being away from Family, as well as running off of very little sleep is what challenged me the most about Basic Combat Training."

"I'm a 91J – Quartermaster and Chemical Equipment Repairer."

"In 10 years, I see myself as a drill sergeant, and helping shape people into Soldiers."

"All of my drill sergeants pushed me and made me want to be better every day."



**SPC. ELIZABETH RODRIQUEZ, 24**  
Puerto Rico

"What influenced me the most to join the Army was the opportunity to follow in my uncle's footsteps, my dream of helping others, and the ability to continue my studies."

"I thought Basic Combat Training would be easy but, without having the discipline skills needed, it was hard to follow the rules all the time."

"The most challenging thing about Basic Combat Training was The Forge, walking with all the weight on my back was hard. Also, waking up early and keeping a positive mind the whole day was also hard and I had to remind myself not to give up."

"I'm a 25U – Signal Support Systems Specialist."

"In 10 years I see myself still in the Army having a successful career. Hopefully I'll get promoted and I'll be able to continue my studies and keep making history while helping my country."

"I've learned a lot from Basic Combat Training that I will use the rest of my life as a Soldier and civilian. I'm really proud of myself for completing my goal."



**SPC. ZAYD STIVENDER, 23**  
Irmo, South Carolina

"The ability to not only have a set career path, but to also push myself past limits and build who I want to be in the future is what influenced me most to join the Army."

"Yes, the Army is everything that I thought it would be and has pushed past certain expectations. My mother was in the Army, and she provided a great picture about how things will flow for me."

"Working with and building bonds with people that come from different backgrounds is what was most challenging about Basic Combat Training."

"In 10 years, I see myself having completed my master's degree and either be a high ranking non – commissioned officer or completing Officer Candidate School and becoming an officer."

"I'm a 27D – Paralegal Specialist."

"I look forward to completing Ranger School and setting a path for the Soldiers that follow behind me, having a wonderful military career and seeing the world."







Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS  
Trainees relax while waiting for festivities to begin at Fort Jackson's 101st Birthday Celebration June 2 on Hilton Field.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS  
Fort Jackson community members enjoy a slide at Hilton Field June 2 before the post's birthday celebration began.



Photo by NICHOLAS SALCIDO  
A drill sergeant surveys the field as trainees watch country music star Rodney Atkins play his hits during the post's 101st Birthday Celebration.

# Victory

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"They are all just looking forward to getting out of the barracks and having a good time," Taylor said.

For Pvt. Justin Adkins, and Caleb Transue of Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, dancing to the music was a natural way to blow off steam before heading to the penultimate event before graduation.

"We are having a great time," Transue said after square dancing briefly with Adkins. "We are going to The Forge tomorrow."

Pvt. Darrin Doyle with Alpha Company, 3-34, said the "amazing" concert was a way to "get away from the drill sergeants a little bit and get to listen to some good music."

Soldiers weren't the only ones having fun at the celebration; Family members and patrons from across the Midlands joined together for a good time too.

For Melissa Wyatt, a big Sarah Evans fan, the celebration made her "feel happy" to be able to listen to Evans live.

Tammy Cova-Gonzalez came a long way to see the concert. Cova-Gonzalez traveled from New Jersey to Fort Jackson to visit her brother serving here.

"I'm having a great time," she said. "It was an added bonus to meet my brother and listen to a concert."

The celebration ended with a fireworks demonstration that lasted longer than most. A glitch caused the grand finale to fire off minutes after patrons began filing out to their cars.



Photo by LATRICE LANGSTON  
Fort Jackson kicked off their Victory Week celebration in true U.S. Army form with an early morning run as leadership and units representing the entire installation came together for fitness and fellowship. Festivities continued throughout the day as Fort Jackson opened its gates to the community with a free concert and fireworks to celebrate 101 years of 'Forging America's Army.'



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Photo by NICHOLAS SALCIDO  
Left, Sara Evans, left, sang at the celebration that included fireworks, above. Right, a Soldier walks with his child during the post run.



Photo by NICHOLAS SALCIDO

# Fame

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“It is an amazing honor and to share it with my dear friends Sheriff Leon Lott, Joanie Thresher and Carol Davis – it makes it even more special.” McPherson continued. “I am forever appreciative of the selfless service and daily contributions of our military. I love serving our Soldiers and the organizations that make us most military friendly community in America.”



Fort Jackson Commander Maj. Gen Pete Johnson and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian present Susan McPherson with the Fort Jackson Hall of Fame Medallion, during the 5th annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony held at the Fort Jackson NCO Club June 1.

*Photo by  
LATRICE LANGSTON*





## NEWS

# Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**NUNEZ**

**Staff Sgt.  
Yance Nunez**  
Alpha Company,  
2nd Battalion, 13th  
Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Dominique Rey  
Romero

**SOLDIER OF THE  
CYCLE**  
Pvt. Leslie Castro

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Nicholas R.  
Pena

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Kevin W. Pineda



**VERBARENDSE**

**Staff Sgt.  
Justin Verbarendse**  
Bravo Company,  
2nd Battalion, 13th  
Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Timothy R.  
Borgan

**SOLDIER OF THE  
CYCLE**  
Pfc. Amiee Sheraigh  
Miller

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Brandon W.  
Lunsford

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Javion E.  
Howard



**WEST**

**Staff Sgt.  
Brian West**  
Charlie Company,  
2nd Battalion, 13th  
Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Hui Song

**SOLDIER OF THE  
CYCLE**  
Pvt. Justin S. Hardy

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Stephon Jones

**HIGH APFT**  
Pfc. James Jacob  
Rodriguez



**ROYAL**

**Staff Sgt.  
Michelle Royal**  
Delta Company, 2nd  
Battalion, 13th Infan-  
try Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Nason Andrew  
Paramore

**SOLDIER OF THE  
CYCLE**  
Pvt. Youn Hoan Choi

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Trevor Scott  
Sikorski

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Rojas Brenda  
Valencia



**TOMERLIN**

**Staff Sgt.  
David Tomerlin**  
Foxtrot Com-  
pany, 2nd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regi-  
ment

**SOLDIER LEADER  
OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Samantha Hall

**SOLDIER OF THE  
CYCLE**  
Pvt. Trent Martin

**HIGH BRM**  
Pfc. Chad Deacon

**HIGH APFT**  
Pvt. Victor Strobbe

# This We'll DEFEND

# AtHoc delivers emergency alerts to Soldiers, employees and families

**By RAMON DOMENECH**  
Emergency Manager

Team Jackson, it is imperative the Fort Jackson community be able to get the latest emergency messages. One way to do that is through the AtHoc system.

The system will email, text and call recipients to notify them of emergencies, inclement weather and other information to keep Fort Jackson safe.

Each service member should be able to log in to the self-service portal using their CAC while logged into a computer. The address to the self-service portal is (<https://warnings.army.mil/SelfService/2026347>).

Once the service member clicks on the link they will be prompted to complete their account. They can utilize the dropdowns and specify their duty status, district, and installation. Their Depart-

ment of Defense ID number will populate automatically in the username, display name, and mapping ID fields. The DOD ID should be left in the default fields that populate.

Once all of the information is completed the registrant can save their account by clicking Save in the upper right corner. It is best to put as much information as possible to receive AtHoc.

Using a personal cell numbers in text messaging will send alerts to a personal phones. If the registrant put a home phones in or a cell in Phone Family, alerts will be sent by text to the cell and a call will be sent to the home phone.

Once registered users can also go back to this address to edit their account if changes are required. For more information or help signing up for AtHoc call Ramon Domenech at 751-4621 or via email at [ramon.domenech.civ@mail.mil](mailto:ramon.domenech.civ@mail.mil).



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## One Army, Indivisible

Col. Geoff Catlett, director of the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, leads a discussion with Fort Jackson leadership about the legal and moral framework of the Army profession in support of this year's campaign One Army, Indivisible. CAPE serves as the proponent for the Army Profession to reinforce trust within the profession and with the American people.

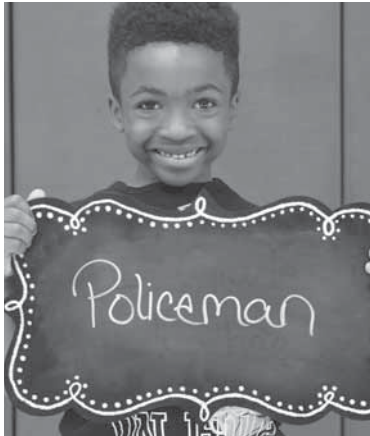
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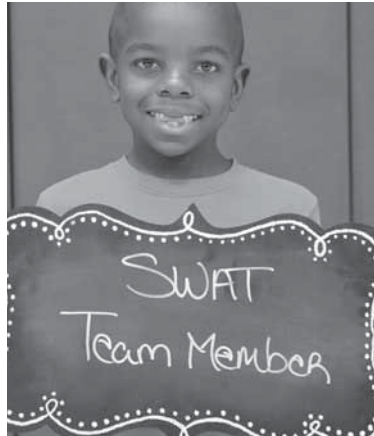
## NEWS

### WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A---

Featuring the students of Pierce Terrace Elementary School. Photos by Nancy Reichart



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## Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

### GATE 1

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- Open 4 to 6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.
- Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



## Training Showcase

Left, trainees in 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, spar with pugil sticks, padded devices used since World War II by military personnel in training for rifle and bayonet combat. Below, a trainee completes a low crawl through an obstacle.



*Courtesy photos*



# ARMY BIRTHDAY

## Tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Association of the United States Army hosted Army's 243rd and Fort Jackson's 101st Birthday Celebration Saturday at the Columbia Convention Center.

Fort Jackson Soldiers, spouses, civilians, contractors, Partners in Excellence, and friends of Fort Jackson are invited to attend. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with the receiving line starting at 5:15 p.m.

The authorized uniform for the Birthday Ball is the Army Service Uniform

with bow tie, or mess dress. Civilian men wear business/formal attire while civilian women wear evening gowns (formal attire).

Tickets for the ball are \$37.79 each for E7/GS-7 and below, while civilians and all others pay \$53.55 each. To purchase tickets visit <https://2018armyandfortjacksonbirthdayball.eventbrite.com>.



## The Army Vision:

### Behind the 10-year plan to help the Army win today's, tomorrow's battles

By **DANIEL TOROK**  
Army News Service

In 1973, as the draft ended and America withdrew from Vietnam, the Army made it a priority to catch and keep the technological edge in weapons and equipment – setting up the formation of Training and Doctrine Command and Forces Command.

As America's defense policy reoriented, the Army underwent a thorough modernization of its combat arms and aviation units through training reform, weapons, equipment, and force modernization, and revising doctrine at the

beginning phases of a new strategic order.

It was, and still is, imperative that the Army keep its technological edge in weapons and equipment against our near-peer competitors. "Our competitors are seeking to alter global strategic realities for their own benefit, often at the expense of the U.S. interests and those of our allies and partners," Secretary of the Army Mark Esper said in his opening statement March 20 to the House Appropriations Committee on the posture of the U.S. Army.

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# Vision

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The Army's current competitive advantage is in its Soldiers' ability to rapidly deploy anywhere, anytime, and producing a combat-credible deterrent against potential adversaries.

While a great advantage to have, Esper stated in the posture hearing that "some of the key challenges, and the Army's in particular, is defining our requirements and then implementing them."

Over the past 30-plus years, the M1 Abrams tank, M2 and M3 Bradley fighting vehicles, the UH-60 Blackhawk and AH-64 Apache helicopters, and the MIM-104 Patriot air defense missile were developed and fielded. But in the past quarter century, the Army ceased to innovate, and with a large decrease in readiness, this technology has become outdated and overmatched.

The defining idea of the Army Vision, as laid out by Secretary Esper in a speech at the Brookings Institute June 5, is that the Army of 2028 will be ready to deploy, fight and win decisively against any adversary, anytime and anywhere, in a joint, multi-domain, high-intensity conflict, while simultaneously deterring others and maintaining its ability to conduct irregular warfare. "Modernizing today's equipment will align us to the future battlefield," Esper said.

To do this, The Army cannot look back 30 years, but instead must look forward in its ability to man, organize, train, equip and lead future Soldiers. Trusting and empowering subordinate leaders will facilitate both reform and greater performance. "We need to tap the talent of all the American people," said Esper. "We need to reach out to traditional industry and non-traditional" to forge the road ahead.

"We have to change the character of warfare in our favor," the secretary added, outlining his six priorities for Army modernization: Long-Range Precision Fires, Next Generation Combat Vehicles, Future Vertical Lift, Network, Air and Missile Defense, and Soldier Lethality.

The current global security challenges are growing and the Army can prepare itself by increasing capacity, training, improving and correcting critical gaps resulting in a far more lethal Army, ready now and prepared for the future. As Esper said, "We must prepare for the toughest fight. We must now build the Army of 2028."

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